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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LAW OF SEA

REF: A. STATE 085109; B) STATE 084997

1. CHARGE CALLED ON APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 14 TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATE OF NEGOTIATIONS AT LOS CONFERENCE AND TO DELIVER COPIES OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH.

2. SINCE FONMIN CURRENTLY OUT OF COUNTRY, SPEECH FIRST DISCUSSED WITH HIS CABINET DIRECTOR. ALTHOUGH HE FOLLOWED TALKING POINTS SET FORTH IN REFTTEL A WITH INTEREST, NOT LIKELY THAT HE WILL DO MORE THAN PASS TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH ON TO HIS MINISTER WHEN HE RETURNS TO LIBREVILLE NEXT WEEK.

3. CHARGE THEN CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS TCHICAYA WHO HAS BEEN DELEGATE TO PREVIOUS LOS CONFERENCES AND IS MOST INVOLVED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON SUBJECT. TCHICAYA HAD NO PARTICULAR COMMENT ON ANY INDIVIDUAL POINTS RAISED BY CHARGE, BUT DID REMARK THAT RECENT ENACTMENT OF US 200-MILE-LIMIT LAW WAS SALIENT EXAMPLE OF PRESSURES DEMONSTRATING IMPORTANCE OF EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL TREATY. GOG, HE SAID, WOULD SUPPORT SUMMER FOLLOW-ON SESSION TO CURRENT CONFERENCE TO ACPIEVE FINAL AGREEMEYNT. TCHIVFYA EXPRESSED APPRECIATIONNFOR FRENCH TEXT OF SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH WHICH HE PROMISED TO READ.

4. COMMENT: HAD DEPARTMENT BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH FRENCH TRANSE LATION ALONG WITH TEXTMM BNSECRETAMY'S SYMECH, EMBASSY WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLB TO GILI COPY DIRECGY TOAONMIN. WORKING FROM IMPERFECT USIS WIRELESS FILF COPY WHICH ARRIVED AT POST SATURDAY AFTER-

NOON, APRIL 10, WE WERE ABLE TO PREPARE OUT FRENCH TEXT BY MID-MORNING APRIL 13. FONMIN, HOWEVER, HAD LEFT EARLIER SAME DAY AT HEAD OF GOG DELEGATION TO CAIRO. IT WOULD SAVE MUCH INDIVIDUAL TIME AND EXPENSE IF AT LEAST FRENCH AND SPANISH

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